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# Miley just loves to *ISU* set blocks for Bird

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Ever wonder just how Larry Bird always seems to get open for all those shots?

Well, give much of the credit to 6-foot-8 forward Brad Miley, the defensive specialist for top-ranked Indiana State who also loves to set those blocks that help free the Sycamore guns.

"We ran the passing-game offense (in high school) and did a lot of picking, so I learned the right way," says the junior from Rushville who is content with his own 6.3-point scoring average.

"A lot of guys try to set picks while they're moving, but you can't do that. The rules say you have to be stationary. So I try to get as wide as I can and give myself a solid base. Spread my feet," said Miley.

"The angle is important, too. For instance, if Larry pops out and takes his man high, I try to pick him low, so Larry can come back and go baseline. If Larry takes him low, to the baseline, I try to pick him high, so Larry can go down the middle."

The solid base is important, Miley says.

"Some guys try to power their way through a pick, so you might get knocked down. Other guys try to grab your waist

and sort of throw themselves around you. They have a better chance to get away with that."

"Once in a while you hear a guy grunt when he bangs into you. That's good to hear. It means you set a good pick, and it makes you want to do it again."

Miley, who as a center led Rushville to a second-place finish in the 1976 Indiana high school tournament, always takes the opponents' top scorer on defense. And coach Bill Hodges says "it's very comforting to know Brad is just as good defensively as that guy is on offense."

Blocking for the high-scoring Bird and guard Carl Nicks on offense and shutting down the opponents on defense "are my roles and I accept 'em," said Miley.

"Early my freshman year I realized I'd have to do the little things and play tough defense if I wanted to get playing time. So I tried to work hard in those areas and it paid off. I ended up sixth man as a freshman."

"My goal on defense is to hold the man below his average," Miley added. "You may not stop him completely and, yes, it can be frustrating when he scores. But I think I've held my man below his average 70-80 percent of the time."

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# Area survey shows

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## ISU responding

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A random sample of area residents responding to a survey conducted by Indiana State University believe that ISU is responding positively to the educational needs of the citizens of Indiana and that the federal government should not pay for the majority of a student's college education.

The purpose of the survey was to assess the attitudes of the residents of west central Indiana toward higher education and, more specifically, ISU. The survey was conducted by the university's Office of Student Research and Testing.

Assistance was provided by the W.A. Storing Company, a national research organization which provides data to the U.S. Census Bureau. A selected group of residents living in Vigo, Vermillion, Sullivan, Clay, Parke and Putnam counties was surveyed.

According to the results, 90 per cent agreed that ISU is an asset to west central Indiana and more than 80 per cent felt that the university provides scholarship and academic excellence in its programs. A majority responded that ISU is making good use of taxpayers' money and that the university is important to the economy of the area.

Seven out of 10 agreed that Indiana State graduates usually get good jobs and that the

university is doing an adequate job of preparing students for employment. Even though respondents agreed that a college education is an important factor in job placement and that a person with a college degree makes more money, the majority of respondents did not think that it is necessary to have a college education in order to get a good job.

More than 80 per cent agreed that the university provides important cultural events to area residents, and 76 per cent said they would describe ISU as being conservative to moderate in regard to political attitudes. Ninety-two per cent indicated that ISU should expand its programs of continuing education for adults.

Regarding higher education in general, respondents agreed that some type of admissions criteria should be established and that not all high school graduates should be admitted to college. They also indicated that women's athletics should be given as much emphasis as men's sports.

Approximately 12 per cent or 230 persons receiving the direct mail questionnaire responded which is considered to be an average return for a random survey of this type, according to Dr. John Bush, director of the ISU research and testing office.



# Hodges says winning comes from recruiting

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Bill Hodges, coach of Indiana State's unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Sycamores, believes that winning basketball comes from recruiting, not coaching.

"We want players to know what to do when they get here. When we recruit players we look for people who are quick, physically strong, love to play basketball and do what they are told."

Hodges, whose team will play in the NCAA tournament Sunday at Lawrence, Kan., against either Jacksonville or Virginia Poly, did much of the recruiting for this team when he was assistant to Bob King, the ISU coach who had to turn over the reins last fall because of illness.

"I was a good recruiter but didn't know how to put a team together," said Hodges. "Bob King taught me that. We don't look for players that we have to talk into doing their jobs; we want them to know ahead of time."

Hodges' ambition when he was growing up in Rosston, a little town near Zionsville, where he played high school basketball, was to coach a team to the championship in Indiana's high school tournament.

"Al Rosenstihl, my freshman coach at Zionsville, probably had more influence on my life as I was growing up, although I had great respect and admiration for his son, Jim, who was my high school coach. They both taught me how to get along with people."

"Jim Rosenstihl was the greatest floor coach I ever saw."

Hodges thinks that a good part of Indiana State's success this season has been because of the player-coach relationship.

"The players get along with each other and respect each other. They get along with me and I get along with them. I tell them what I want done and they do it. They tell me what they want done and I try to do it, too. Honesty and respect go two ways, you know."

Often coaches will take a player out the second he makes a mistake on the court. Hodges doesn't subscribe to that theory. "I never take a player out because he makes a mistake...only because he is tired. At times we make changes for offensive adjustments and at times for defense."

What about Larry Bird, ISU's superstar All-American? "Bird is a

great leader and has given us a winning tradition. He is going to have to loosen up now and think of his future so far as the media is concerned."

Bird has consistently refused to talk to the print media reporters this year. One reason, says Hodges, is that he is afraid he might say the wrong thing and another is that he fears he might be misquoted. But Bird's unavailability, Hodges believes, has really helped the team this year.

"Because Bird wouldn't talk, the other players have had more chance to talk with reporters and that has caused them to develop more."

Bob Heaton, who grew up in Clay City, Ind., but went to Denver as a freshman before transferring to ISU, echoes Hodges' summation of Bird.

"Larry sets an excellent example for the rest of us," said Heaton. "He's a great leader and makes the rest of us work even harder. We're still learning, learning something in every game."

Carl Nicks appears to be ISU's next superstar. Hodges recruited him, too, from Chicago Englewood High School. "He did what I like to see. He penetrates so well and loves to play."

The ISU coach thinks Nicks has come a long way in the last two or three games. "He's been pretty much a reaction player, but of late he is sensing the clock and knows what to do and when to do it. He can be one of the finest players in the country."

According to reports, Nicks, only a junior who spent last year at a junior college in Florida, is being looked at by professional scouts.

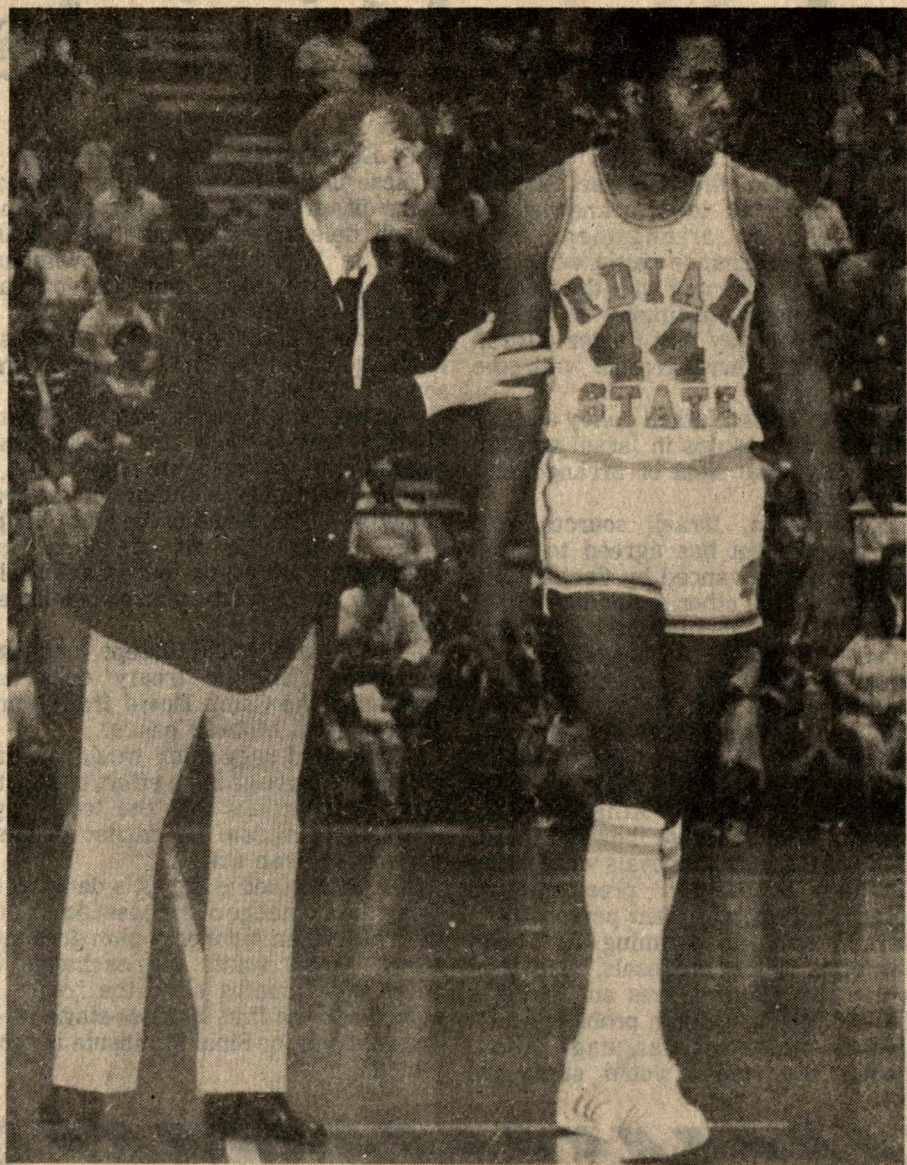
Has Hodges had time to recruit this year and has all the publicity helped? "It has, but it will help even more next year." Hodges is going for a couple of players for next year. "We need someone physical and quick. We need players who can score, but defense may be a problem, too."

ISU has one, 6-11 Doug Jansen, in reserve. He was redshirted this year. "We'll have to wait and see about him," the coach says.

It might seem to some that Indiana State has the easiest route to the NCAA of any team, although that's a matter of conjecture. The Sycamores aren't concerned about who they play.

"We're ready for anybody, even UCLA," said Leroy Staley, the 6-4 senior who is a big factor in Indiana State's tenacious defense.





Hodges instructs Sycamore LeRoy Staley